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Minor editorial revisions were made to page 84 of the specification hereinabove.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge applicant's claim for priority under 35 USC 119 and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to return copies of the Form PTO/SB/08A filed on May 2, 2006, the Form PTO/SB/08B filed on June 23, 2006 and the Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B filed on August 3, 2006, and to indicate thereon that the cited publications were considered and made of record.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve the drawings.

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 and 35 USC 372 as follows:

Group I. Claims 1 to 5, 12 to 43 and 52 to 54, drawn to oligonucleotides and kits comprising oligonucleotides; and

Group II. Claims 8 to 11 and 44 to 51, drawn to methods for detecting nucleotide sequences including gene polymorphisms.

Applicant elects Group I (claims 1 to 5, 12 to 43 and 52 to 54).

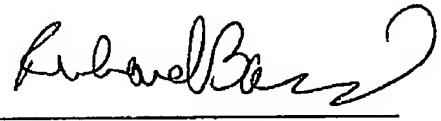
If the claims of Group I are allowed, rejoinder and allowance of the claims of Group II are respectfully requested (see item no. 3 on pages 4 to 5 of the Office Action).

It is noted that on page 3, line 4 of the Office Action, "Groups I-IV" should be "Groups I and II."

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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